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#### **Fall of Humpty Dumpty will unite** Westland again

Thanks to the majority of Westland voters, round one has been won. The final round will be coming up in a little over 300 days.

As of now, the new senior citizen director, the mayor, the deputy mayor, and purchasing director are working as if they are interim employees of the city.

As of next November's election, Humpty Dumpty will have fallen off his wall, and the three directors listed above will hopefully be gone. Hopefully a few other followers will go with them.

And then the city of Westland will be united again.

#### Christmas decorations and mayor's sign don't mix

As a Christian, I am offended by the placement of baby Jesus in the manger under Mayor Robert Thomas's sign at Westland City

This is blasphemy.

The message of Christmas is "Peace on earth and goodwill to all"; not worship the Grinch.

#### Westland police officers should work, not campaign

Now that we have the recall and the general elections behind us, maybe the Westland Police Department can do the job that they are being paid to do instead of campaigning, which they are not paid to do.

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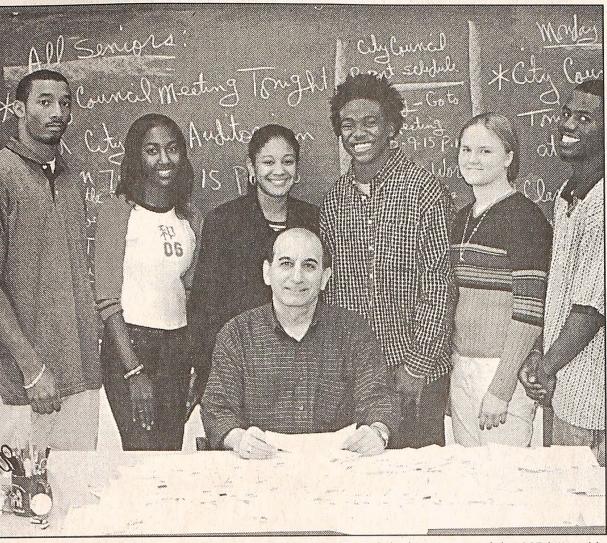
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Romulus High School Government teacher Rod Hanna (seated) looks at some of the 265 letters his students have written to their Washington legislators on the current presidential election battle. From left are: Chris Talley, Kim Mingo, Princess Walker, Bruce Donald, Carrie Spielman and Rashad Woods. MCN Special Photo

## Students turn eyes to college -Electoral College, of course

Romulus High School government students have been both mystified and energized by the current national post-election dra-

In the past, students could care less about the role of the Electoral College, teacher Rod Hanna revealed on Monday (hours before some of the students would visit the Romulus City Council meet-

tive use of the nation's focus on the Electoral College - by enticing his government students to write letters to Michigan U.S. Senator Carl Levin, Senator-elect Debbie Stabenow and Congresswoman Lynn Rivers and outline their views on the Electoral College

The veteran teacher gave his students four options to mention in their letters including eliminat-

## Hanna decided to make posi- ing the Electoral College com-Elmer Johnson Park could be enlarged

The Romulus City Council voted Monday night to consider potential growth for its largest city park - Elmer Johnson.

Mayor William Oakley announced that if 23 acres of land in the Shook and Wick Road area could be environmentally upgraded and be used for parkland, it could be added to the Elmer Johnson Park

Oakley said the city's Master Plan calls for added park land within the city and this would be a "terrific opportunity" to do just

Apparently all or part of the land was used as a dump years ago, Oakley said, and it apparently was closed to such uses back in

Currently the owners of the property are considering deeding the land over to the city for such use, the mayor stated.

not exceeding \$22,000) need to be conducted, Oakley said, and some if not all those costs could possibly be picked up by a Brownsfield

grant. The Council voted 6-0 in favor of such environmental testing. Councilman Donald Morris was absent

In another council action, a request by Kurt Johnston for a zoning change on property on the southeast corner of Moore and Goddard in downtown Romulus was approved.

Johnston said he plans to open a quick print business there that would provide various services including making blue prints.

Currently he said customers need to travel all the way to Detroit to have such prints made.

Johnston currently has a shop on Hunt Street.

## **Goodfellows drive set**

The Romulus Goodfellows volunteers will take to the streets tomorrow and Saturday in an effort to raise funds for the needy in the

The volunteers will be offering their official newspapers for donations from 3 p.m. to dusk on Friday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on

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Saturday. The newspapers were created in cooperation with the Michigan

Community Newspapers. Mayor William Oakley revealed Monday night that some volunteers also will be selling on Rogell Drive of Detroit Metro Air-



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pletely, keeping the college but altering it in one of two ways or

keeping the college as is. For each letter printed, Hanna said, he would add five points to the students' recent project score. Thus if they received a C initially on the Electoral College study project and took advantage of the letter option they could add a maximum of 15 points -- that would raise their grade to an A, Hanna said.

Hanna said he was happy to report that 265 such letters were turned in to him by the Dec. 1 deadline.

The students took various positions on the college's future.

Nancy Wittemore wrote the legislators "the process we now use is unfair both to the people (voters) and the person running for of-

fice.' Wittemore favors a "process in which we would use the percentage of the popular vote -- and match it with the same percentage of electoral votes."

A second student Jehiquita Tucker had a similar feeling.

She wrote "I feel the present form is not only unfair to the candidates, but unsuccessful in detecting the people's choice.'

As a solution, she added, "I propose that all the states change the Electoral College to where the percentage of the popular vote will equal the percentage of the assigned electors to that state."

Meanwhile a third student Leslie Perez strongly favors the continued use of the electoral college as it adds political weight to the smaller states like Rhode Island etc.

Without the Electoral College, the larger states like New York and California would run everything," Perez added.

Then Perez issued a stern warning "if you vote to get rid of the Electoral College, I will vote to get rid of you."

The students then had to invest in three mailing envelopes and three postage stamps to complete the mailing project.

## **Alan Lambert makes** it official, he is running

By AL POST MCN Staff Writer

Surrounded by family members and buoyed by the enthusiasm of between 200-300 backers, Romulus School Board Trustee Alan Lambert annouced that he will challenge incumbent Mayor William Oakley next November.

Lambert, a local police officer and former councilman, made the announcement "it is time for a change" last Saturday night at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 9568 on Huron River Drive in Romulus.

His brother and also a former city councilman Russ Lambert, officially introduced Lambert to the crowd shortly after 8:30 p.m.

Russ Lambert explained that their parents, Dan and Dorothy, moved to Romulus from Detroit about 60 years ago, when Metro Airport was really "small."

"Our parents taught us to get involved in politics," Lambert said, and "if we didn't like the way things were going to get involved in changing the city.'

When the host took the microphone, he further introduced himself to the crowd by saying he was a 45-year-old single dad to four daughters and a son. He related he has been a Ro-

mulus Police Officer for 13 years and currently is serving his first term as a Romulus Community School Board trustee.

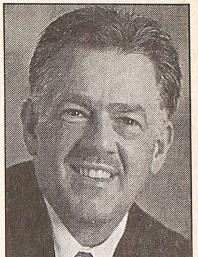
Lambert said back in 1981 he decided to run for the city council and accompanied by his tiny children went door to door to campaign for the seat.

He won the council seat, Lambert said, and became the youngest councilman (age 25) ever at that time. He later won three more consecutive elections, Lambert said, before stepping down in 1988 to seek a post with the city police department.

He then called up his immediate family members including son, Justin, and daughters, Cary, Sara, Jennifer and Kallena.

In his "coming out" speech, Lambert declared "Romulus is at a critical stage in its history and a change of leadership is impera-

Lambert vowed he will "listen



Russ Lambert

"I won't let you down. We will work together to improve life here in Romulus."

to the people and improve the quality of life in the city.'

Lambert vowed he will run a "clean campaign" and stick to the issues, no matter what the opposition camp does.

He stated several times he will work "with the people." The mayoral candidate also promised "I won't let you down. We will work together to improve life here in Romulus.'

Among the gathering were current and past elected officials, fellow police officers, young homeowners and senior citizens.

Those officially noted were former Mayor Beverly McAnally, Council members Randolph Gear, William Wadsworth and Debby Romak and School Board trustee Betty Lenossi.

To add to his communication cycle with the public, Lambert said he will soon open a web line www.lambert 2001.com and will create a campaign phone line on which the public can leave him messages or questions and he will get back to them.

Lambert said a discussion of key issues will be postponed until early next year.

## **Fundraiser** pressed for leukemia patient

MCN Staff Writer

A homemade lasagna luncheon is slated for Dec. 13 to raise money for a nine-year-old Halecreek Elementary School student, who recently was diagnosed with

leukemia. Shannon Spiser, daughter of Barbara Burtch, a Local 64 employee with the Romulus School District, is now undergoing expensive medical treatments.

All proceeds from the luncheon that will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 13 will go to family to help meet some of the medical expenses. The luncheon benefit will be held at the Mount Pleasant School Center. Tickets cost \$7.50 each.

Time is short, luncheon orga-

nizers said, and orders and payments need to be made by tomor-Orders should be called in im-

mediately to Rosemarie Nettle at 734-941-0610.

Checks should be made out to Barbara Burtch.

and then approved budget

changes to pay for the hiring of

the city's first fulltime fire fight-

portedly for each fire station) will

reportedly be ultimately hired

early in the new year, Oakley said.

Eight new fire fighters (two re-

## Some fulltime firemen will begin in January the city council was considering

By AL POST MCN Staff Writer

Some of the planned fulltime fire fighter hirings are expected to take place early in January 2001, Mayor William Oakley said Monday night.

The comment came up while

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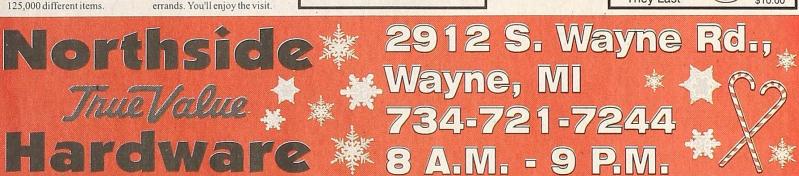
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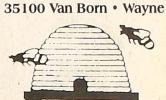
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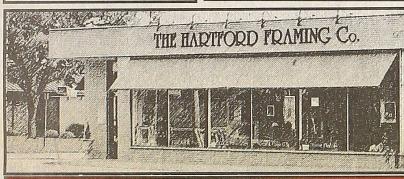
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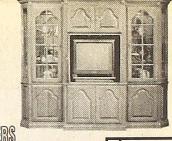
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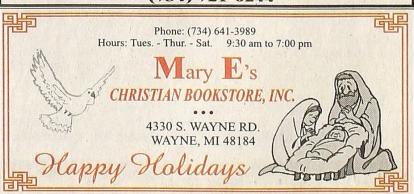


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# News from the City of Wayne

# **Skaters** raise \$1,740 for

Local and area skaters came through for the Wayne D.A.R.E. program. They raised \$1,740.45 for the program that teaches children how to resist illegal drugs.

Wayne Police Chief Mike Sumeracki informed mayor and council that on Nov. 22 the department staged a Skate-A-Thon, sponsored jointly by the Wayne and Westland D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) programs, and the Wayne D.A.R.E. received sponsor donations amounting to \$2,013.45 and realized a net profit of \$1,740.45.

The Skate-A-Thon is in its fifth year, and the event has been a successful fundraiser for D.A.R.E, according to the Wayne police

"Students and parents who participate in this program have a great time," Sumeracki added.

#### Santa is guest of honor

After a joyful meeting Tuesday night with residents at the Historical Museum where he participated in the annual Christmas Tree lighting, Santa says that he'll host a pancake breakfast next week to meet with kids and their parents and discuss the upcoming holidays.

Old Saint Nick also wants to know what you really want for Christmas, beside your two front

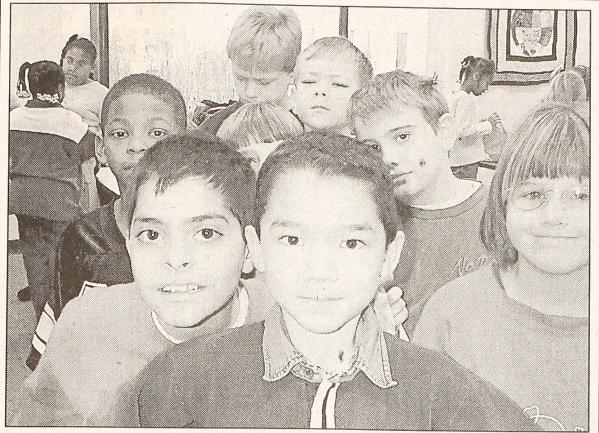
On Dec. 16, Santa will be the guest of honor at the pancake breakfast at the Wayne Communi-

tv Genter. The Community Center is located on Wayne Road and Howe

Santa's elves say that there will be two sessions, limited to 100

guests each. Tickets are on sale and can be purchased at the Community

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Students from Vandenberg Elementary School take time off for the photographer during their visit to the Wayne Public Library, courtesy of the Wayne Civitan Club. One of the many Civitan programs in Wayne is to promote literacy, and club members make sure that children are introduced to the fascinating world of books and the written word.

# Promoting literacy Civitans drive kids to library

By TOM MOORADIAN MCN Staff Writer

Children are attracted to books as bees are to honey.

And to make sure their world is surrounded by books, a local service group is driving pupils to the local library.

To promote reading, members of the Wayne Civitan Club sponsors the Third Grade Enrichment Program which invites every third grade teacher in the City of Wayne to bring his or her class to the library.

In than endeavor, the Wayne Civitan Club offers to reimburse the local school district for the cost of transportation and pre-

sents every visiting student with a free book and book bag.

And, after two additional visits, a student will receive a gift certificate to the Old Country Buffet.

Thanks to the Wayne Civitan Club," says Lois VanStipdonk, Wayne Public Library director, "each third grader in the local schools will visit the library for a tour and storytime.

The Civitan Club is providing bus transportation for each class and also giving each child a paperback book with a bookbag."

VanStipdonk points out that "the children are encouraged to get a library card and if a child returns to the library for two more visits, he or she will be rewarded with a free dinner."

Active in the City of Wayne, Wayne Civitan Club projects also include the sponsorship of the annual Marshmallow Drop, the Halloween Walk, and they are very active with the Special Olympics programs.

Club officials say that their next major project will be a casino night at the Wayne Winterfest, followed by the club's annual Grand Giveaway in the Spring.

All funds raised through the clubs activities go directly into the community.

For information about the program or the club, contact Civitan Club president Ron Kulas at 734-729-2579

# Judge orders Goci deported to Kosovo

A federal judge has decided that the driver of a vehicle involved in a fatal crash that claimed the life of a 16-year-old Wayne Memorial honors student should be deported.

As soon as the legal and international kinks are worked out and a passport issued, Luan (Leo) Goci will be deported to his native Yugoslavia.

Goci pleaded no contest in the death of Megan Boljesic, who was killed in August, 1998 when Goci lost control of his vehicle and crashed in Ypsilanti Township.

According to witnesses, the driver, later identified as Goci, "was westbound on I-94 in the area of Huron Street when a black vehicle blew past him at a high rate of speed.

Washtenaw County deputies who arrived at the accident checked the female passenger, later identified as Megan Boljesic and she was unresponsive. They also made contact with the male subject who was conscious. Goci informed the deputy at the scene that he was driving the vehicle at the time of the crash

In the subsequent trial, Washtenaw County Circuit Judge Melinda Morris accepted a plea bargain in exchange for a plea of no contest to a charge of involuntary manslaughter while grossly negligent and sentenced Goci to 11 months and 29 days in the Washtenaw County Jail.

The sentence outraged Megan's parents and relatives who demanded that Goci be deported to his native Kosovo.

The judge was apparently reluctant to deport Goci because the area was engaged in a bitter and bloody civil war. However, Goci was later re-

leased into the custody of the Im-

Judge Hacker found Goci guilty and ordered him deported



Megan Boljesic

migration and Naturalization Services and was also charged with a Crime of Moral Turpitude. According to officials, a crime of Moral Turpitude is defined as a "crime that has intent, in federal court, gross negligence is intent.

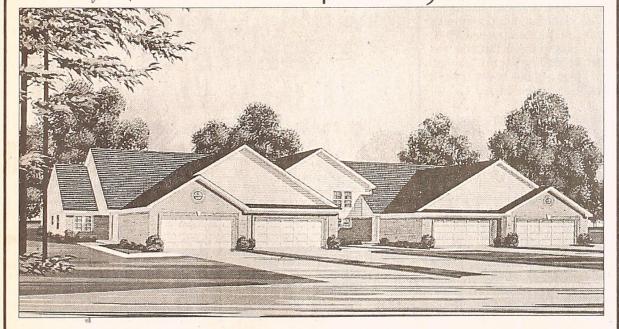
"The fact that Goci's crime was punishable by more than one year and that it was committed within his first five years in this country made it a deportable offense,' said a member of the Boljesic family, who requested anonymity.

Goci was denied bond.

Judge Elizabeth Hacker noted that Goci "shows no remorse, that his driving record and his flagrant disregard for our laws made him a danger to the community and all his attempts to avoid deportation made him a flight risk.'

The judge also noted that "he (Goci) received a lower sentence because it was crafted to avoid deportation, and that it was not a fair sentence.'

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"No," replied Lord. "And you can also print this too - my clients are not guilty of anything. They will go free, and we will get the money back, with interest. That money was seized illegally.

On Monday - that was Monday, Nov. 27 - Lord apparently filed his brief downtown in the higher court, requesting that Harrises' assets seized in the raid be returned, and the store be reopened

Lord says that there is a court order to open the Book Shack.

The lights to the Michigan Avenue store are on, but the door remains padlocked, pending the outcome of the court case against

Detective Kevin Smith, who is

Save 20%

34164 Plymouth Rd. Livonia 48150 in charge of the M.S.E.T team that conducted the investigation and subsequently raided the store, said that Lord did go court to retrieve the seized corporate assets, but the county's auditor general also has presented its case on why the money should remain where it is

"We have until Dec. 12 to present our case," Smith says.

On the subject of "semen", Smith had a few select words that, unfortunately, I can't print here. After all, we are a community newspaper.

"Let me tell you this," Lord concluded, "when this thing is all over, and when this case is kicked out of the higher court, we're going to throw a party for you guys in the media over there at the Book Shack And we want you there."

That's very thoughtful.

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## Alpena-bound

Talented Inkster resident Melissa Nichols will be heading for the City of Alpena next year to compete in the annual Michigan Junior Miss Scholarship Program. Melissa was first-runnerup at the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss pageant.

# Resident seeks to wear state's Junior Miss crown

A talented and very gregarious Melissa Nichols will travel to Alpena in March to compete for the Michigan Junior Miss crown.

Melissa, the daughter of Inkster fire fighter, Lt. John and Sara Nichols of Inkster, was first runner-up at the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss Scholarship Program 2001.

She earned the right to vie for the state title which will be staged March 24, 2000 in Alpena.

She joins Teresa Soleau, who was selected the Wayne-Westland Junior Miss.

The state winner will advance to the national pageant, scheduled for June of 2001 in Mobile, Alabama.

Nichols, who is very active at

John Glenn High School where she is involved in the Student Council, Student Government, Glenn Singers, Girl Scouts and in dancing, performed a lyrical dance for the talent aspect of the local competition.

Her performance brought her acclaim and a monetary award. Melissa was presented with \$2,400 in scholarship money. She also won the Fitness portion of the program - a seven-minute aerobic routine

Others who represented Inkster in the competition included: Jodie LaGuire, who sang; Amanda Warren, who performed a dance routine; Blair Simmons, recited a monologue; Danielle Townsend, recited poetry; Mary Patillo, played the piano and was named second runnerup. Mary also received a \$1,000 award toward her college scholarship.

All contestants were winners. Each also were presented a \$100 check for "Be Your Best Self" scholarship.

## City seeks state grant for Streetscape Project

Inkster Downtown Development Authority representatives went before mayor and city council last week to seek support to submit an application for a state grant that would, if approved, help revitalize the downtown

DDA officials said that they plan, with mayor and council's approval, to submit the application to MDOT for a grant of \$303,671, with a local match of \$75,918.

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The funds would be used to im-

prove the aesthetics of the down-town area.

Noting that the designated area is Michigan Avenue - both east and westbound would be affected, DDA officials said that the Michigan Department of Transportation would welcome any and all improvements in the specific

Council was to act on the issue Monday night at its regularlyscheduled meeting.



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# Judge answers bail questions in Washington case

A man accused of allegedly shooting an acquaintance of his girlfriend went back to work last week. His victim says one of the two bullets that entered his body is still there. And besides the question of guilt or innocence, people seem to want most to know why the alleged shooter is out of jail.

Following his preliminary exam at the 34th District Court last week, Troy Allen Washington, son of U.A.W. Local 900 president Jeff Washington, was bound over for trial in Circuit Court.

Washington had been arraigned on charges of assault with intent to murder, felony firearms and assault with a motor vehicle, following a November 14 shooting incident.

Washington was arraigned at the 34th District Court on Nov. 18 by out county Judge Glenn Valasco, 27th District Court, and was released after paying \$1,500 bond.

Valasco said the reason the bond was relatively low is that there were doubts in his mind. "There were some circumstances which would have placed doubt on the prosecution's case," Valasco said. Valasco said the lack of physical evidence was a factor. At this time, neither the gun nor the vehicle used in the chase and shooting incident have been recovered.

Further, Valasco explained Washington "was not a risk of flight, and he had no priors or history of violence."

Judge Brian Oakley made the decision to bind the case over to Circuit Court after hearing testimony from the victim and from Washington's friend, who was supposed to have been his alibi.

Washington's alleged victim, 44year-old Detroit resident Michael Cash, testified at the exam that he had been leaving the Woodbury Green apartment of Washington's longtime girlfriend.

As he was pulling onto Haggerty Road, he saw a burnt orange Explorer pull around his 1997 Cadillac Seville and stop. The driver of the Explorer, Cash said, was apparently trying to flag him down as if he needed help.

Cash slowly drove around the Explorer and continued on Haggerty Road. The driver of the Explorer got in the SUV and again pulled around the Cadillac, and began approaching the car as Cash slowly proceeded.

The Explorer's driver came within three feet of Cash, reached around behind him and pulled out what appeared to be a silverplated handgun. He then shot three times, shattering Cash's driver's side window, and when Cash felt a stinging sensation, he realized he had been shot.

The driver of the Explorer got back in his vehicle, and followed the Cadillac east on Huron River Drive, toward Romulus.

Cash said the Explorer rammed several times into the back of his car, "as if they were trying to run me off the road.'

Cash, injured and disoriented, called police from his cell phone before crashing in Romulus.

Upon Cash's release from the hospital two days later, he picked Washington out of a photo lineup, and had "no doubt" that was who shot him.

November 16, Washington was arrested while working his shift at the Ford Stamping Plant in Wayne.

Cash testified that it wasn't until days later that he remembered having met Washington. He said Parker had introduced the two months before when Washington had come to see her at her place of employment at a Detroit casino.

Washington's attorney, Frank Cusmano, asked Cash if there was any chance he may have picked Washington out of the lineup because he looked familiar after meeting months earlier. Cash said that wasn't possible. Cusmano asked if he may have seen a photo of Washington at Parker's apartment, and Cash responded he had not

Cash had testified to the police that his assailant was about 5 feet, 9 inches tall, and about 200 lbs.

#### Correction

In the November 30 Belleville Enterprise and Wayne Eagle, we errantly stated that Troy Allen Washington was accused of murder, and charged with assault with intent to murder. For clarification, Washington was only charged with assault with intent to commit murder, felony firearms and felonious assault with a motor vehicle. We sincerely apologize for the error. A full report of his preliminary exam appears in The December 3, 2000, Eyewitness.

Cusmano asked Washington to stand, and when he did, it was apparent that Washington is much shorter than that.

Would you say he's about 5' 3" or 5' 4"?" asked Cusmano.

Cash was shot twice in the back, and one of the bullets is still lodged in his chest.

Washington's friend of 12 years, Michael Thomas, also testified. He told prosecuting attorney Maria

Washington on the evening of the shooting. He also said Washington has not owned an orange Explorer. He currently owns a black 2000 Focus, and previously owned a

Thomas said the night of the shooting he had gone to Washington's home in Wayne, and arrived shortly after 11 p.m.

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He said the two watched a

video and drank beer until nearly 2 a.m. Then Thomas left to go home.

Petito asked how often the friends saw each other. Thomas said very frequently. Thomas testified they saw each other often enough that he could not say with certainty how many times they had seen each other in the month of October, or in November. Petito asked how, then, could Thomas be

sure he was with Washington on time the evening's events tranthe night of November 14.

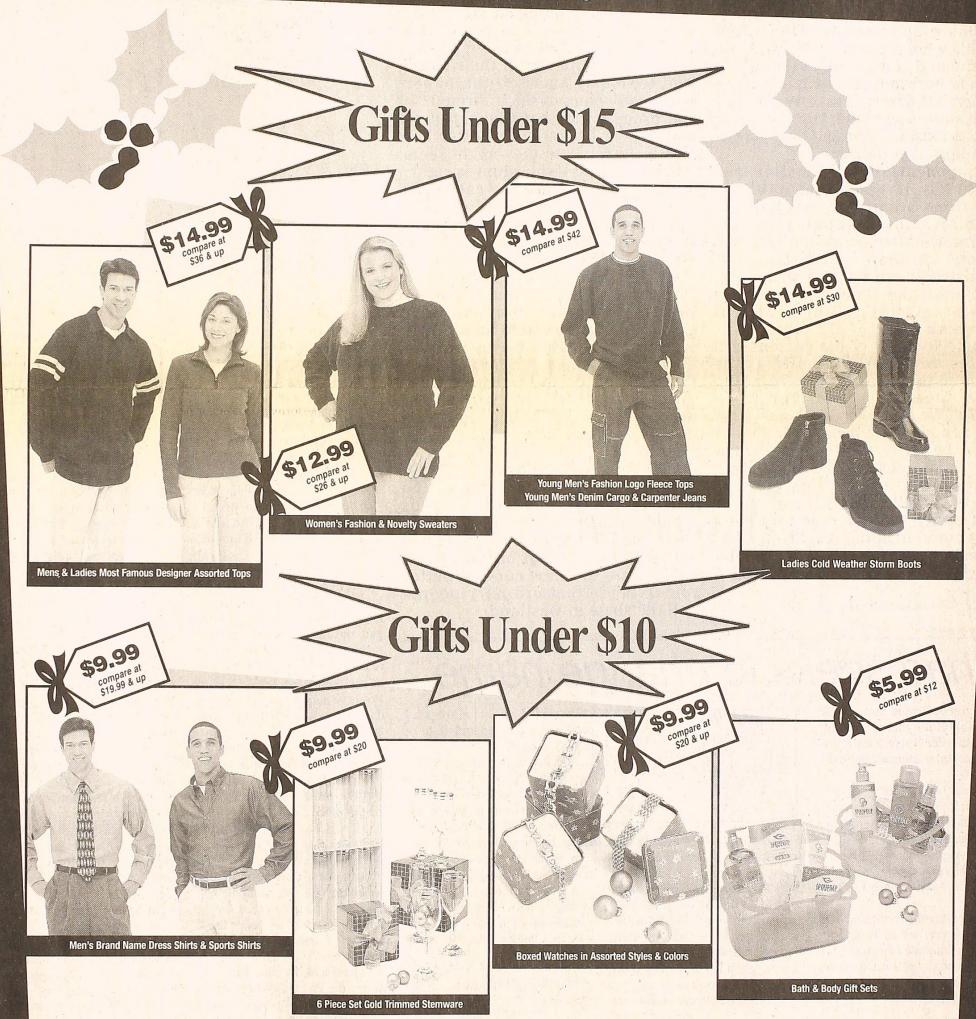
Thomas said he remembered the day because it was the night before Washington's arrest.

Van Buren Police Detective Louis Keele testfied that Thomas came to the station two days later to inquire about his friend, and told police Washington was with him. However, Thomas couldn't recall at that time exactly what spired.

Judge Oakley said that a judge has "some duty to weigh credibility....If I had to weigh the credibility between Mr. Thomas and Mr. Cash, Mr. Thomas would not come out on top.

He bound the case over to Circuit Court. Washington will appear on December 13 at 9 a.m. for ar-

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## **New Wayne fire station** ought to be located at DPW

The Wayne City Council's decision to locate the new multi-million morning dollar fire station on Ash St. is a mistake and I hope they have the good sense to review it. A far better location, available and ready for construction is the DPW area, south of Michigan Avenue.

To update readers, Wayne has approved the construction of a new fire station. At issue is not the merit of the fire station, that was decided long ago, but where it should be built. By a 4-3 vote, council agreed to build the new station on Ash St., across from city hall and where the current fire station sits.

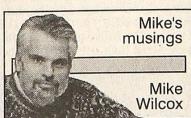
Dissenting council persons, Al Haidous, Josephine Lentine and Donna McEachern rightfully argued the Michigan Avenue site to be more appropriate. Their arguments were essentially twofold - the traffic and congestion at the Ash St. site is horrendous and might cause delays for fire trucks to reach their destination and the Michigan Ave. site is closer to the bulk of Wayne's residential population.

Proponents of Ash St. claim aesthetically, it makes sense to have the fire station near city hall and that location is much closer to downtown businesses and the Ford plants. So they commissioned administrators to build a temporary station at the DPW site, until the Ash St. station is built. That is where we stand.

But like many of the citizens that protested the Ash St. site at the council meeting, we believe the DPW location makes far move sense. We believe response time from the DPW site because traffic cil jobs. and road congestion will not be a tally boxed in at the Ash St. site.

Aesthetics aside, the DPW-Michigan Ave. site is the better location.

Monday quarterbacking the Westland recall election



tells us that the once invincible Thomas political machine is no longer operable. The police, fire and senior citizen voters that could tilt any election toward the Mayor and his political cronies has failed for the second time this year (the first time being in August when Thomas was crushed by Kay Beard).

The new power lies with the people, ordinary citizens like Brenda Gracin, who along with husband Mario, became quick studies in the electoral process, and managed to pull off a recall of massive proportions. They believed in their cause, and tediously amassed the paperwork and voters to see it through. In the process they have taught us all that power brokers, no matter how firmly entrenched they might seem, can be toppled if the cause is right.

In Westland's case the cause was right. The majority of council abused their powers in unceremoniously dumping popular clerk Pat Gibbons. And then those council members resorted to guerilla warfare in an effort to derail their opponents. Good people like Dave Cox, who is a very able administrator in the Romulus mayor's office; and David James, who was one of the few people in this recall who did not resort to name calling and dirty politics; got caught up in the will actually be a heckuva lot better hoopla, and are now without coun-

Unfortunately if they had only adfactor. Additionally, this piece of mitted they had done wrong, and property will allow future expan-reinstated Gibbons, their jobs sion easily, whereas, the City is to- would be secure. But pride got in their way, and ordinary people mobilized to run them out of office. Let's hope the new council better understands that ordinary people call the shots in Westland.

## THOUGHT WE GOT RID OF ALL THE SCARECROWS IN CANTON ... well, when only a couple THIS YEAR dozen PEOPLE WAS PRETTY volunteer COLD ... HEARTED! CANTON GOODFELLOWS

## Tree city declares war on trees

Westland is supposed to be a tree city.

A year ago, Mayor Bob Thomas urged the city council to pass a resolution proclaiming Dec. 6 as Arbor Day in the city.

Passage of the resolution resulted in getting the city proclaimed a tree city.

"We urge citizens to protect trees and woodlands," said the resolution, which Thomas read aloud to the city council last year. "We urge citizens to plant trees."

At the time, I found the proclamation at odds with Thomas's policies and conduct. Not only had Thomas repeatedly packed up his motor home and left Westland's asphalt jungles for the deciduous forests of Northern Michigan, but his administration had recommended developers' plans to fell stately trees on the outskirts of the Sassafras Trails Nature Preserve and on the formerly verdant grounds of Patchin Elementary School.

The butchery of Sassafras was criticized by citizens who worked two years to obtain a \$500,000 grant to preserve Westland's last virgin woods in perpetuity. When it turned out that Westland's cronyism was more likely to be preserved in perpetuity, speakers protested the destruction of the periphery of Sassafras and a tributary of the stream that flowed through it, providing water for its resident foxes, flowers and Sassafras trees.

If not more harmful than Sassafras, the Patchin chainsaw massacre was more shocking because its devastation could be seen from Newburgh Road. Row after row of felled oaks trees, many of them formerly landmarks, were visible to motorists.

Even with the ordinance which only restricts developers, not home owners - in place, some developers could weasel their way around it. If memory serves, didn't the city council exempt the Adams Senior Apartments developer from having to replace some trees? As I recall, Adams' landscaping plans had designated trees for preservation, but a subcontractor supposedly disregarded the markings, and cut the trees. Yet it appears that the trees weren't replaced on-site and I'm not aware that a commensurate cash donation was made to the city's tree planting fund.

The current ordinance also failed to prevent a recent sawdust

Ivan Helfman

fest at Hix and Cherry Hill.

If anything, the ordinance needs to be tightened up on developers to prevent these violations, which Mayor Woody Woodpecker harm to some people." too often winks at. A tighter ordinance will beautify the tree city, as tougher tree ordinances beautify many cities and towns in Wayne, Oakland, Washtenaw, and Livingston Counties.

Having relatives who develop subdivisions and condominium projects, including two recent ones in Canton Township, I'm acquainted with the cost of tree ordinances. It cost one relative about \$100,000 an acre to develop property in Canton with wetlands and woodlands.

"I've come to agree with the environmentalists about woodland and wetland ordinances," my relative said, after learning the hard way about the folly and expense of paving roads through wetlands.

My relative is proud of the way his natural development looks, now that he's learned how to do them right.

Knowing what he was doing, his developement came in at cost. Partly owing to the natural beauty of trees, the project sold out in less than a year. The quick sales meant more profits, since he was able to pay off the construction loan quicker.

In other words, trees are good for business.

But too often business, especially development, is different in Westland.

Apparently, in the tree city trees are a turnoff.

"I am going to propose a change to the tree ordinance on the next council agenda," said Mayor Thomas. "After watching the tree ordinance work, it's done

He complained that some developers have griped about spending \$8,000 an acre on tree replacements.

Only \$8,000? Two years ago my cousin spent \$10,000 per acre.

Perhaps the trouble is not saving trees. It's the relationship between the mayor and some Westland developers, who expect too much and give back too little (not counting campaign contributions to Mayor Thomas and his allies).

If Westland needs to grant the developers relief, it should be in a way that beautifies the city. If it's too burdensome to save trees under Westland's ordinances, perhaps the city should hire a planning consultant to recommend ordinance changes that would allow developers to cluster buildings away from trees. Some cities have clustering ordinances. Others al-

low planned unit developments. The end result is more trees.

If Mayor Thomas is allowed to do his campaign contributors this favor, the end result will be more asphalt (as well as more political ads on CNN). No wonder he has a second home up north.

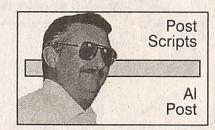
# Chad seeks to change name

An unconfirmed rumor that 132 Floridians named "Chad" have filed for a name change -has reached southeastern Michigan.

Three reportedly passed through Romulus and two others apparently have settled temporarily in Westland.

Carrying the moniker "Chad" is apparently not a popular choice these days - particularly in Florida.

One politically motivated citizen, who arrived in Westland, thought of running for council, but decided that option was even worse socially than his beleaguered name.



Other reports reaching the western Wayne County area include:

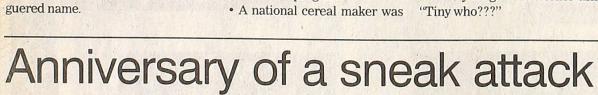
· One in the group was seeking to have his tattoo Chad loves Mary permanently removed on the Jerry Springer show. Unfortunately he was rejected and had to seek the surgery on the overnight Howard Stern program.

preparing to market a breakfast product for the undaunted...to be called "Chad Bites."

And just as the Michigan Community Newspapers was about to go to press, staff members received an anonymous call from a male voice identified only as " stating he had talked to TV host John Walsh and hopes soon to appear on the TV Show Final Justice.

A final caller scoffed at the worried Chads. "Don't worry five minutes after the new president is selected Chads will become as forgotten as Tiny Tim!"

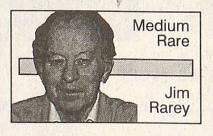
The young MCN worker asked



Those of this writer's generation will remember the sneak attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. The enemy has chosen a period for that attack when the nation had just celebrated Thanksgiving and was settling into a festive mood to go Christmas shopping, commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ and greet a

Today, Michiganders, as well as the rest of the nation, are in that period of time when peace and goodwill will toward men should be the prevailing mood. But, it's

Several events have conspired to disturb and divert the attention



of the populace

There is, of course, the turmoil over the as yet unresolved presidential election There was a recall election in Westland after Thanksgiving.

There is a lame-duck session of the State Legislature in Lansing which evidently will be acting on

the controversial subject of the right to carry concealed weapons.

The Congress of the United States will be in a lame duck session as this is being read doing God only knows what.

As the reader may have guessed by now, this writer is not expressing a view for or against the issues named.

What is taken issue with is settling the topics in lame-duck sessions, when the attention of the public at it lowest.

Regardless of the issue, those on the losing side will undoubtedly consider the lame-duck sessions as a "sneak attack."



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# Letters from our Readers

# Help elect honest council members

Although I would like to be able to give my own statement tonight, I too have been sidelined by ignoring an injury that was occurring while we were gathering signatures! I am confined except when absolutely necessary under doctor's orders.

There are many things I would like to address, but I shall save that for the next council meeting. In the meantime, I must thank all the leaders in this recall, for each and everyone was a leader, not a follower, not a supporter, but a leader. Each gave of their time, their strengths and their beliefs to guarantee success, and indeed they have succeeded! Our city is now well on it's way to being rid of the machine which has dominated it for over twenty years, and

while great strides have been run, I suggest that whomever he made, there is still work to be done, as remainders of that machine still preside on our school board, our planning commission and our zoning boards, and within the administration at city hall.

The latest move to appoint an unqualified person to fill the senior resource position, over a very qualified, very respected deputy director, is a clear indication that the fight is not over.

In order to build their empire again, they must once again take control of the absentee ballots. In order to do that, they must have control of the senior center. While it is not clear at this time whether Mayor Thomas intends to run for the position again, it is clear that if he chooses to, he will need the senior support, if he chooses not to

throws his support behind will need those voters.

I can only speak for myself, but I will not support any mayoral candidate that the mayor supports, and I truly hope that the people in this city who have spoken so clearly through the recent election, stand behind us in that belief. We have begun to affect change, but that change can only be complete, when all the residuals of the machine are gone, and candidates with fresh perspectives, with honesty and ethical standards can prevail!

Finally, my sincerest gratitude, and my heartfelt thanks to all of you who voted with us, who heard our plea, and who backed us with a convincing mandate at the polls!

We have one more thing to ask

of you. Please support us in the upcoming election to replace these council seats, so none of the same old guard can be placed there, and all of our work be for

We will have petitions for you to sign which will be nominating petitions, we will be coming to you for your signatures and your support. If you can, due to my situation, it would be greatly appreciated if you would call, or come sign at our home!

Please call 729-2805. We do have a job to complete, we promised you that when those seats were emptied, they would be filled by honest and upright individuals! Help us to achieve that!

Thank you, Brenda Gracin

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Matthew Schaub, DDS Newburgh Heights Dental Group

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#### **State Rep-elect Glenn Anderson thanks voters**

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all those who voted on November 8 and particularly those who supported my campaign for state representative.

My family and I consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have had such widespread support within this great community.

As I prepare to begin representing our community in the 91st State Legislature, I regularly think of all the outstanding friends I have made over the course of my

years of public service.

While the depth of gratitude I feel is all but impossible to express in words, I will never forget the trust and confidence you have placed in me and will strive to give the 18th District the best representation possible.

Thank you for allowing me to continue to serve.

Sincerely,

Glenn S. Anderson State Representative-elect 18th

### 'Tis more blessed to give than receive over Xmas holidays

The people who went to the stores to shop on the day after Thanksgiving as early as 4:30 a.m. are not celebrating the birth of

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All they are celebrating is a holiday to see how many gifts they can lavish on their children.

If they were actually celebrat-

12, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.

ing the birth of our Lord and Savior, they would buy their children a few inexpensive toys and give the rest to the poor, who otherwise will not have a Christmas at

The Bible says it is more blessed to give than to receive.

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Dorothy Hensly Inkster

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#### MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD **NOVEMBER 13, 2000 IN THE COUNCIL** CHAMBER ROMULUS CITY HALL, 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48714.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem

LeRoy D. Burcroff, William A. Crova, Randolph Present:

Gear, Donald Morris, Michael A. Prybyla, Debbie

Romak, William Wadsworth None

Absent:

None Excused

Administrative Officials in Attendance: Richard Marsh, Community Development Director Linda Choate, CMC, Clerk Pamela Kersey, Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Agenda

Minutes Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held November 6,

Petitioners

Kassem Beydoun - Special Approval Land Use - PC-

DJT Development - Special Approval Land Use -B. PC-2000-031

Chairperson's Report - Randolph Gear, Mayor Pro Tem Mayor's Report - William Oakley, Mayor

Special Assessment Street Lighting - The Greens at

Gateway. Resolution in Opposition of Area Code Overlays.

Administrative Report - Linda R. Choate, Clerk

Discussion

**Unfinished Business New Business** 

Communication 10.

Warrant

a. Warrant -00-21a b. Warrant- 00-21

Adjournment

1. Motion by, Romak, supported by Crova to accept the agenda as

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-391

2A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Burcroff to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 6, 2000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-392

3A. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Morris to grant the Special Use Approval for PC-2000-024 to Kassem Beydoun for a gasoline station and convenience store at 35575 Van Born Road on the southeast corner of Van Born and Wayne Roads (DP# 017 01 0110 003) in a C-3 (Highway Service) zoned district, subject to the recommendations of the City Planner, City Engineer, Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Police Department and submittal of a landscape agreement. This approval expires on November 13,

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-393

3B1. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to grant the Special Use Approval for PC-2000-031 to DJT Development for a single family condominium development on 8.4+/- acres on the east side of Ozga Road between Wick and Tyler Roads (DP#s 066 99 0033 000, 066 99 0034 000) in a R-1A (Single Family Residential) zoned

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Crova, Morris, Prybyla. Nays -Burcroff, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth. Motion Failed.

00-394

3B2. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to deny the Special Use Approval for PC-2000-031 to DJT Development for a single family condominium development on 8.4 +/- acres on the east side of Ozga Road between Wick and Tyler Roads (DP#s 066 99 0033 000, 066 99 0034 000) in a R-1A (Single Family Residential) zoned district. Denial was based on the Planning Commission's comments, public comments, density and the pond

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Gear, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - Crova, Morris, Prybyla. Motion Carried.

00-395

4A. Motion by Romak, supported by Crova to send a communication to all of the volunteers who assisted in the Presidential Election and special thanks to Mr. Kenny Zaer of the Quality Inn for providing breakfast and lunch to all of the election poll workers.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Crova, supported by Romak to accept the Chairperson's Report.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-396

5A. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Morris to adopt a resolution determining the need for street lighting to be specially assessed for the Greens at Gateway, the new condominium development associated with Phase I of the Gateway Subdivision. Further, to direct the City Assessor to prepare a list of all properties to be affected and provide an estimate of costs. Finally, to schedule a Public Hearing to be held on Monday, December 11, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of hearing comments on said assessment.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-397

5B. Motion by Crova, supported by Burcroff to adopt a resolution in opposition of Area Code Overlays and that any new area codes deemed necessary be implemented through an area code split and not through an overlay and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to U.S. Senator Spencer Abraham, U.S. Senator Carl Levin to take all steps necessary to urge the Federal Communications Commission to prohibit the implementation of a telephone overlay in the 810 area code, or in any other area code.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

00-398

11A. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Wadsworth to approve Warrant 00-21A in the grand total amount of Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and Ninety Dollars (\$9,590.00).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

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11B. Motion by Prybyla, supported by Morris to approve Warrant 00-21 in the grand total amount of Four Hundred and Eighty Eight Thousand, Five Hundred and Twenty Five Dollars and Thirty Eight Cents (\$488,525.38).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Wadsworth, supported by Romak to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Burcroff, Crova, Gear, Morris, Prybyla, Romak, Wadsworth. Nays - None. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk City of Remulus, Michigan

l, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held November 13,

Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk City of Romulus, Michigan

Publish: December 7, 2000

#### NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF VAN BUREN CHARTER TOWNSHIP The BOARD OF REVIEW of the Charter Township of Van Buren will meet at the Township Hall, 46425 Tyler Road on Tuesday,

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN** 

DECEMBER BOARD OF REVIEW

December 12, 2000 at 4:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to correct clerical errors or

mutual mistakes of fact. Property assessments can only be changed for:

1. Homestead exemption status

2. Poverty exemptions

Any property owner who believes they qualify under items 1 or 2 should call the Van Buren Township Assessing Department at 734-699-8946 prior to December 12.

> Joannie D. Payne, CMC Van Buren Charter Township

Mary E. Carney

City Clerk

Publish: November 30, 2000 December 3, 2000

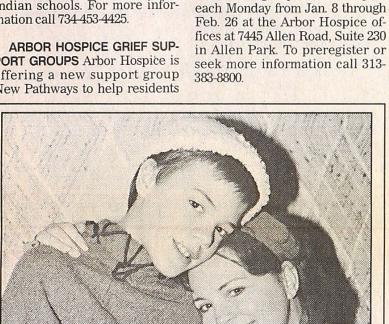
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PARENTS WITHOUT PARTNERS Chapter 369 will hold their holiday season dance and benefit auction Dec. 8 at the Taylor Moose, 9981 S. Telegraph, between Wick and Goddard. All proceeds will be donated to the Taylor Fire Department to purchase training aids for children. Prior to the dance, an orientation session will be conducted for prospective members at 8 p.m. Then on Dec. 23, a dance will be held at 9 p.m. also at the Moose site. The cost is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. For more information call George Graff at 313-388-8488.

**HOLIDAY TOY SHOW** is slated from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dec. 10 at the Plymouth Cultural Center, 525 Farmer St. in Plymouth. The show will feature vendors, collectors and doll artists selling new, used and antique collectible dolls. Cost is \$5 for adults and children under 10 will be admitted free. Canned goods also are being collected for the needy. For more information call 734-455-2110.

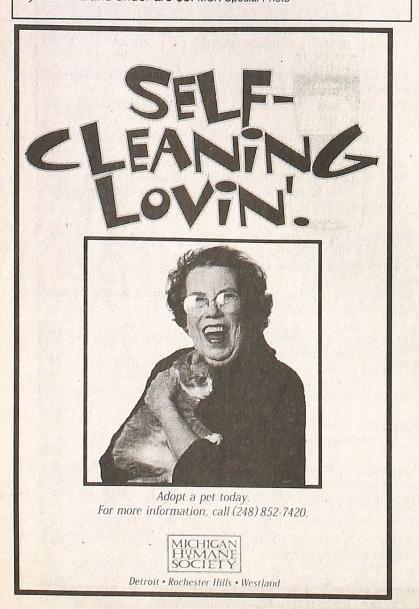
DAR CHRISTMAS TEA The Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution that includes members from Canton, Plymouth and Northville will meet at 1 p.m. Dec. 18 at the home of Doris Richard at 9417 Ivanhoe in Plymouth. The program's theme will be "A Christmas Memory." Members are urged to bring an item or story of a Christmas past. Donations for veteran hospitals and school supplies for Mountain and Indian schools. For more information call 734-453-4425.

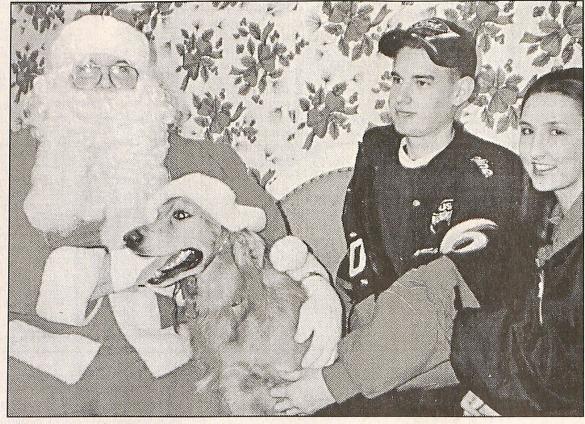
ARBOR HOSPICE GRIEF SUP-PORT GROUPS Arbor Hospice is offering a new support group New Pathways to help residents



## **Holiday performance**

The Rackham Symphony Choir will begin a new tradition this month with the production of the famed opera Amahl and the Night Visitors at Detroit's Music Hall Center. Shown above are Dennis Strach (one of the two 11 year olds who play the part of Amahl) and Mary Callahan Lynch (who plays the part of the mother in the show.) A family performance is slated for 4 p.m. Dec. 10 and four others offering free admission for students from Metropolitan Detroit public and parochial schools are slated for Dec. 8 and 11. General tickets cost \$15 and are on sale at the Music Hall Box Office (313-963-2366). Tickets for youths 12 and under are \$5. MCN Special Photo





### Santa/Pet photos

Well its that time of year again and you can have your pet photographed with Santa Claus in Romulus. For \$2 and a stop at the Romulus Animal Shelter on Goddard Road--just off Wayne Road--bring your dog, cat or ferret from 1 to 4 p.m. on Dec. 16 and enjoy. Call 734-942-7591 for more information. Shown in the photo are a Golden Retriver named Major Pain and his friends, Garett Eves and Linsey Hoppe. Oh yes the man at the left is Santa. MCN Special Photo

the feelings of anger, guilt and lon-RIVERS COFFEE HOUR Rep. liness following a loved one's Lynn Rivers (D-Ypsilanti) plans to death. The group meets at 7 p.m. hold a coffee hour at 8:30 a.m. Dec. 13 at the Extreme Beans, 7660 N. Canton Center Rd. in Canton. If Congress is called back into session, the coffee hour may be cancelled. For more information call Deborah Johnson at 734-485-

> BELLEVILLE HIGH REUNION for the Class of 1990 (10 years Plus One) is slated for March 24, 2001 at the Marriott Hotel in Romulus. Call Reunions Made Easy at 248-

> WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH RE-UNIONfor the Class of 1981 (20 year reunion) will be held on Oct. 6, 2001 at the Holiday Inn in Livonia. Call Reunions Made Easy at

> PLYMOUTH/CANTON HIGH RE-UNION for the Class of 1981 (20 year reunion) on Aug. 4, 2001 at the Northville Manor. Call Reunions Made Easy at 248-592-9565.

SANTA COMING TO FISHER LI-BRARY from 7 to 8 p.m. Dec. 13 in the progam room of the library located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville. Area residents are invited to enjoy the fireplace setting. live mountain dulcimer music, candy canes and a chance to browse through the library's books and video selection. For more information call 734-699-

**GOODFELLOWS EFFORT Area** residents are invited down to Charleys Too, 32413 Michigan Avenue in Wayne tomorrow and Dec. 15 for music, good food and socializing. Bring an unwrapped toy and you will not have to pay the \$3 cover charge. Music will be provided by the Muddboxx band. All toys will be donated to the Wayne Goodfellows effort.

**BLOOD DRIVE** will be hosted by the Canton Summit on the Park's Banquet and Conference Center staff from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Dec. 21. The drive actually will take place in the Arts II room. The American Red Cross hopes to surpass last year's collection effort of 76 pints of blood. To make an appointment call Jerry at the Red Cross at 248-442-7391.





## Holiday, Super Bowl parties are planned

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The annual Holiday Gala for Romulus senior citizens will be held at the Double Tree Hotel at noon Dec. 27.

The luncheon is sponsored in part by the hotel and U.S. Park.

Linda Norman, senior citizen center coordinator, said music will be provided by Bobby Mac and there will be door prizes and a great meal for \$8 each.

The menu will include London Broil, salad, potatoes, roll, dessert and a beverage.

Tickets need to be purchased by Dec. 18.

In January, a Pre Super Bowl Party will be held at 1 p.m. Jan. 26 at the senior center.

That menu will include pizza rolls, chicken wings and taco salad. Tickets costing \$6 must be purchased by Jan. 22.

Romulus Police Officer Damien Hall will lead the official Police Crime Watch program at the Romulus Senior Center from 10 to 11 a.m. Dec. 28.

It will mark Hall's appearance at the center.

Then on Jan. 25 senior citizens will be given a chance to tour the police headquarters after they arrive at the senior center that day at 10 a.m.

Senior Center Coordinator Linda Norman urges seniors to bring a friend for the short trip.





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# News from area churches

Pastor Arthur Willis

For more information call

Willis, pastor of the Pentecostal

Missionary Baptist Church at 734-

728-1390 or Pastor Steve Adams of

the Romulus Wesleyan Church at

734-941-1511 for more informa-

Pastor John Grenfell III of the

**Belleville First United Methodist** 

**NEWSPAPER** 

THIS WEEKEND!

added.

# Drug free New Year's Eve party planned

MCN Staff Writer

Once again teenagers from Romulus will be offered a drug and alcohol free New Year's Eve party at Romulus High School, courtesy of the Romulus Ministerial Asso-

Doors for the "Lock-in" party will open at 10 p.m. Dec. 30 and the teenagers will be urged to stay until 6 a.m. Jan. 1.

Those leaving before that time will not be allowed to re-enter, Pastor Arthur Willis Sr., head of the RMA, stated this week.

Opportunities to listen and dance to live music, play basketball and other games will be offered to all involved that night.

There will be food items such a pizza and cold drinks available, Willis said.

Pastors and laity from various Romulus churches are sponsoring the annual event.

Tax deductible financial donations and adult chaperone volunteers are still needed to ensure the night is a total success, Willis

### Church members to mark holiday

Members of both the The First Congregational Church of Wayne and the New Hope Missionary Baptist Church of Wayne will gather together Dec. 15 to celebrate the holiday season.

The family night celebration will take place at the Congregational Church, 2 Towne Square and will feature good food and fellowship.

Musical presentations will be offered by the Detroit Edison Glee Club, Progam Committee spokeswoman Sandy Putman stated.

Other committee members include Louise Steinhauer and Kathy Koveleski.

Ironically after Christmas the New Hope church will move from its present location on Wayne Road to its new expanded site on Michigan Avenue.

Vocal volunteers from The First Congregational Church of wayne also will travel about the community singing Christmas caroles on Dec. 17.

The songsters will meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. and spend about an hour singing caroles at the homes of various church members.

The evening will conclude at the home of Vanessa Meyer. where they will enjoy special offerings of hot chocolate and Christmas cookies.

The St. John Neumann Catholic Church of Canton is planning its annual Talent Show at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 28, 2001.

The show will be titled I Didn't Know That You Could Do That in Church.

"St. John Neumann Catholic Church also is planning a Grandparents Group to assist at the First Step of Western Wayne County fa-

The grandparents group will help both the domestic violence refuge facility staff and the mothers living there with the care of the small children.

The grandparents will read stories, play games and help the children with their coloring book efforts

Training for the grandparents will be provided. For more information call the parish office at 734-455-5910.

The Aldersgate United Methodist Church of Redford will offer Caroles by Candlelight at 4

p.m. this Sunday. The program will offer music by the church's choirs and its

handbell ringers. A sandwich supper will follow

after the concert. For more information call Lois E. Travis at 734-266-2147.

The Catholic Alumni Club of Detroit will meet for dinner and a movie at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Rio

Bravo at 240 Town Center Drive in Dearborn, near the Fairlane Mall. The club is for single Catholics, 21 years of age and older, who

have earned a bachelor's degree and are free to marry in a Catholic Church.

For more information or to reserve a seat at the dinner call Teresa at 248-336-0391.

church's youth group for collecting \$2,134 during its "homeless event'

Grenfell said the youths collected the money by sleeping in symbolic cardboard boxes outside the church on a recent rather

cold evening.

The money is being donated to a new homeless facility/soup kitchen on the Cass Corridor in Detroit, the Salvation Army and two other groups, Grenfell explained.

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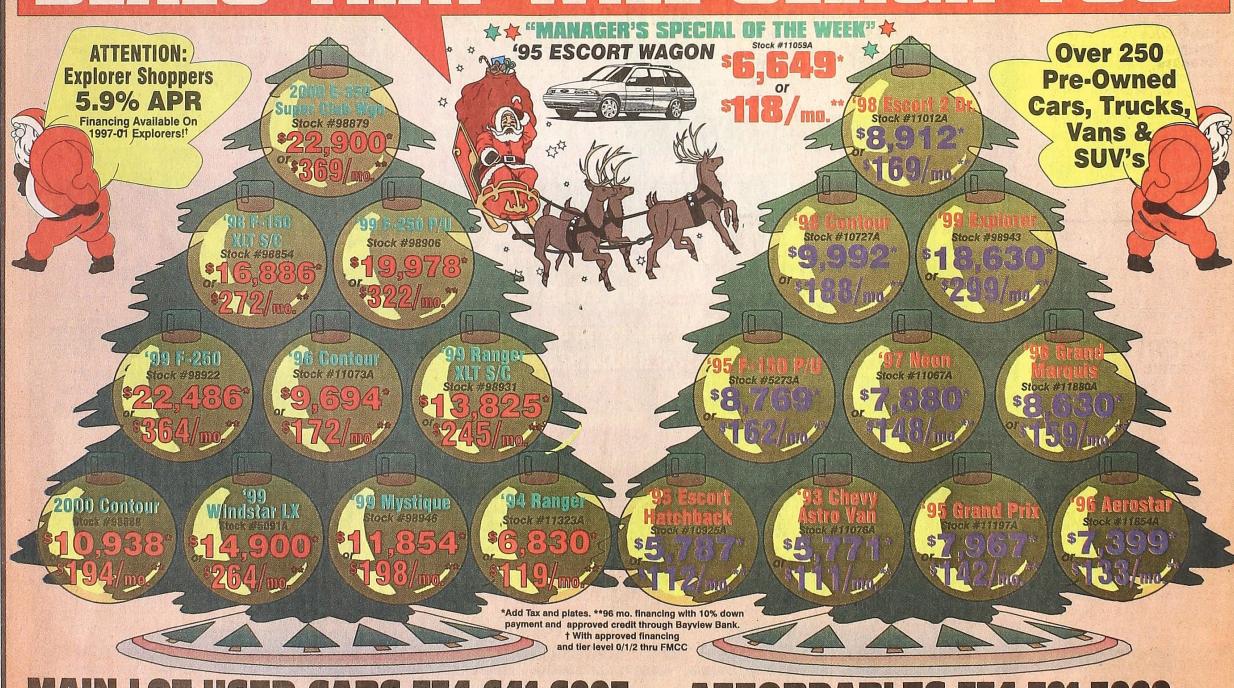
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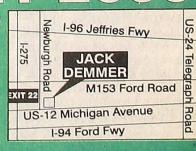


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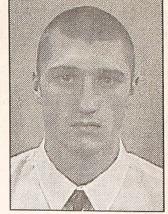
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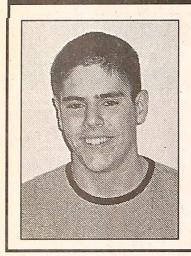
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#### DAN SMITHERMAN

Continuing in the tradition of unstoppable Glenn running backs, explosive Dan Smitherman shattered all previous Rocket rushing records with a phenomenal, record-setting 2,225 yards on 299 attempts for an average of 7.44 per try. He also now owns the school's TD records with 26. "I don't think you will find a better running back or athlete or coachable person around," says Glenn coach Chuck Gordon.



#### MATT PATTERSON



**NICK SAMPLES** 

As Matt Patterson goes, so went Wayne Memorial. Patterson did almost everything for coach Floyd Carter"s Zebras. He quarterbacked the team, punted, kicked the extra points and provided the inspirational leadership on a squad that needed it. He averaged 38 yards per punt and had 4 punts that traveled 50 (one 60) yards or more. In the homecoming game, with time running out, Matt booted the field goal that sealed Wayne's 16-13 victory. over Lincoln Park

In 6-6 interior lineman Nick Sam-

ples, John Glenn had one of the

finest athletes in the state on the

line. Samples, a unanimous choice

for the all-Western Lakes Confer-

ence - one of the best overall football

conferences in the state - was instru-

mental in the Rockets run for a

Lakes Division title and in the post

season. "He has a passion for the

game," says coach Chuck Gordon.

"You never have to tell Nick twice

what his assignment is."

## Romulus' Cook picked 'Coach of the Year'

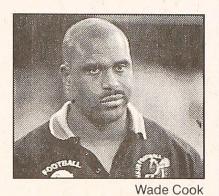
He inherited a winning program when he stepped into the coaching limelight last summer to replace longtime friend and head coach Mark Woodson.

And Wade Cook knew instantly that all eyes were on him. If he faltered and the Romulus High School football program plummeted, he would have to take the heat.

Cook aggressively went to work to carry on the Eagles' winning tradition. Romulus strung together nine consecutive victories in Cook's inaugural season as a head coach. Although they departed early in the playoffs, Romulus' 9-1 overall record overshadowed any setback

"We look at members of the Robichaud High star in revisiting the season and the success of the team. "In fact, we are one big family, and I think that that is the reason for the success of the program

leadership, and the others just followed," said Cook.

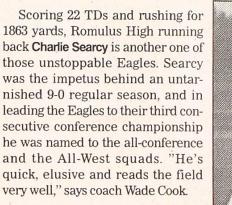


Coach of the Year In his 14th year in coaching, he served as an assistant to Bob Yauck, a coaching legend at Robichaud High and in the area before he accepted an assistant coaching position with Woodson at Romulus.

When Woodson decided to step team as 'family'," says the former up his coaching career to the college level and accepted a job at Eastern Michigan University, Cook was a natural to step in and carry on the work.

The post-season brings yet another honor to the rookie head "The seniors here provided the coach. Cook is the Michigan Community Newspapers' Coach of the Year for the Year 2000.

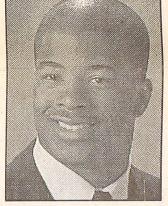
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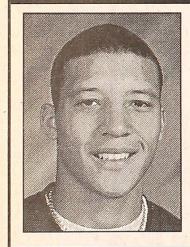


#### **BRANDON ELLISON**

In a season that most Plymouth-Salem fans would like to forget, there was a bright spot - the untiring efforts by senior running back Brandon Ellison who rushed for 950 yards on 155 attempts and scored 12 TDs. A two-year starter for coach Tom Moshimer, Ellison also doubled as a strong safety where he had 58 solos, 23 assists and one interception. "He was our Most Valuable Player." says Moshimer: "Wish we had more like him."



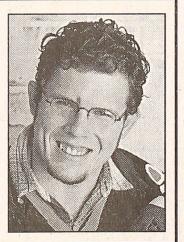
#### KYLE MYERS



A combination of speed and strength makes Belleville receiver and defensive halfback Kyle Myers one of the more notable players in the Year 2000 All-Area lineup. "His quickness tells only part of the story," says Bob LaPointe. "You can't stop Kyle once he breaks loose. He has terrific potential." Myers, a track star, also picks up tips by attending the best camps around, like the Michigan and Ohio State football camps.

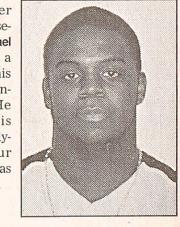
#### JASON JOHNSON

When you have such an outstanding football program, and the coach, who happens to be Belleville's Bob LaPointe, says that the player, in this case Jason Johnson, has been a fouryear starter, you know the player is good. Johnson, a 5-11, 215-pound senior who moonlights as a guard when he isn't working as a defensive tackle, anchored the Tigers' line. "He's one heck of a player," says La-Pointe.

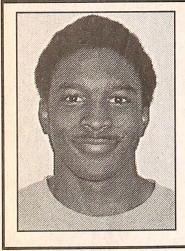


#### MICHAEL HUNTER

A two-way starter for Inkster High and coach Mark Townsend, senior quarterback and safety Michael Hunter cashed in for 17 TDs on a 1,200-yard season. On defense, this three-year starter collected an incredible nine interceptions. "He was a very vocal leader of this team," says Townsend. "He's a dynamic runner. He also was our coach on the field." Hunter also was named to the All-Mega-Gold Team.



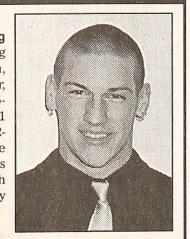
#### DARIAN MITCHELL



Wayne Memorial's junior tailback Darian Mitchell managed to rack up 1,000-all-purpose yards during a season where the Zebras fought for survival in the Mega Conference, Red Division. "Darian is one of the players we will be building around next year," says coach Floyd Carter. "He's a hard-nosed, exceptional player." Darian also managed to score eight touchdowns in his junior season.

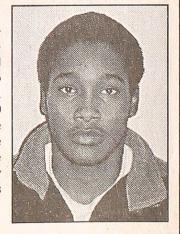
#### KEVIN KNEIDING

Wide receiver Kevin Kneiding managed to catch 20 passes during the season and, though his team, Plymouth-Salem, had a losing year, no one could fault this 6-2, 205pound senior. Kneiding piled up 391 yards, including a sensational 82yard touchdown run. "Kevin is the kind of player every coach needs and wants in his lineup," says coach Tom Moshimer. "If there was any way to red-shirt him, I would."

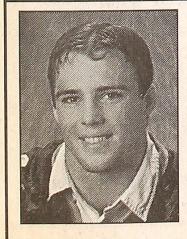


#### DANIEL JARRETT

Faced with the challenge of leading a very talented squad, 6-1, 195pound senior quarterback Daniel Jarrett stepped in and got the job done. Jarrett ran for 535 yards and hit on 47 of his 107 passes for 860 yards on a team that had one of the best backs (Charlie Searcy) in the state. "Daniel did everything we asked of him, and more. That is why this team was so successful," notes coach Wade Cook



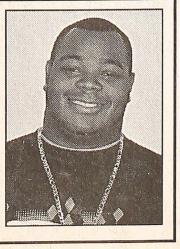
#### JACOB WILKERSON



Any time fullback Jacob Wilkerson got the ball, you knew the opposition was in for a pounding. Wilkerson, a 5-11, 180-pound senior kept Belleville in the title hunt in the tough Mega-Red Conference. He rushed for more than 800-yards and was "a great two-way player for us," says Belleville coach Bob LaPointe. He served as the middle linebacker for the Tigers.

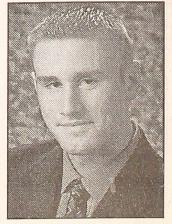
#### BRIAN HARPER

A three-year starter at Romulus, Brian Harper is one of the smartest players in the trenches. His 6-1, 330pound physique also can be very intimidating. An All-Mega Conference pick, who also appears in the All-West lineup, Harper is ready to move up a level to play collegiate ball. "Brian made coaching easier for us," says Wade Cook. "When you had a player on the line like him, it made your job easier."



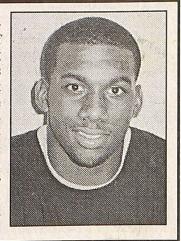
#### DAVE WOODWARD

The anchor on the Plymouth-Salem line, center Dave Woodward is a two-year starter for coach Tom Moshimer's Rocks. The 6-1, 205 senior was injured during his junior year, but returned this year to win his job back. "He is consistent, and has been a solid player for us this year," Moshimer adds. "He came to play every game."



#### JOHN WESTER

A four-year starter at Romulus, 6-2, 230-pound John Wester is one of seven Eagles who will be heading for Eastern Michigan University this fall to play for former coach Mark Woodson. An All-Mega Conference and All-West pick, the Eagles' outside linebacker led the team in tackles with 53. He also had seven sacks and two interceptions. 'John was a tremendous four-year-starter for us," says coach Wade Cook. "He helped turn the program around at Romulus."



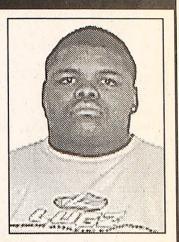
#### SHAWN SIMOTA

In a land of giants, 5-10, 170-pound Shawn Simota stood out on the Belleville line. A defensive lineman who earned all-Mega Red, all-West recognition for his outstanding play. Shawn has been a member of coach Bob LaPointe's varsity squad, teams that have been title contenders, for the past two years. "Simota didn't give an inch to players bigger than him," says LaPointe. "He definitely was one of the premier down linemen in the area."



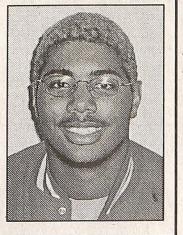
#### OTIS SMITH

Standing a solid 5-10 and 270-pounds, Robichaud's **Otis Smith** also was a two year starter for coach Mark Medlock's team. Smith had 64 tackles and eight solos for huge losses. He was named to the all-Mega-Gold and All-West teams. "He is very athletic and agile. He has quick feet, so quick that he also plays tennis."



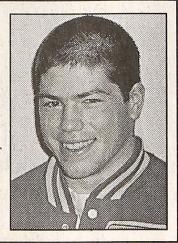
#### ERIC MOTEN

A team leader and an all-Western Lakes Conference player, Plymouth-Canton's 6-3, 235-pound Eric Moten accounted for 40-plus tackles in a season that carried the Chiefs to the regional championship game where they lost to Clarkston. "Eric has been a two-year starter for us," says Canton coach Tim Baechler. "He helped provide the leadership that made this team successful." Moten managed to block a punt, and also scored a touchdown after a turnover.



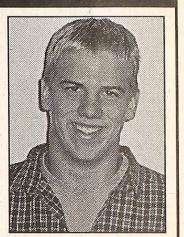
#### MATT NESS

Considered the most physical player on the Plymouth-Canton team, 6-1, 215-pound Matt Nuss was ferocious in the trenches. His performance in the stretch helped the Chiefs eliminate Belleville from the playoffs. "He has tremendous drive, and refuses to give up in any kind of confrontation," says coach Tim Baechler. "We definitely will miss him next year."



#### OZZIE WAGNER

Coming up with the big plays time and time again for Plymouth-Canton, 6-3, 240-pound senior Ozzie Wagner earned the respect of those who lined up against him. A down linemen who was picked to the All-Western Division team for his overall performance, Wagner should not have any problems finding a place on the line at some college this fall. "He has a lot of potential and he is very coachable," says coach Tim Baechler.



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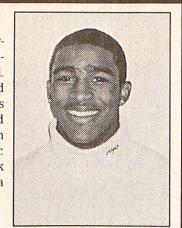
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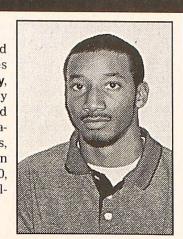
#### CLIFTON EDWARD

Defensive back and wide receiver Clifton Edwards had an outstanding junior year at Wayne Memorial. The 6-0, 190-pound athlete emerged as a team leader and carried his teammates through a season filled with frustration. "I can't say enough about him," says coach Floyd Carter. "We're going to have Edwards back next year, and this is one player a coach can build a franchise on.'



#### CHRIS TALLEY

Very smart. Sure-handed. And most underrated are adjectives coaches use to describe Chris Talley. Romulus wide receiver. Talley caught six TD passes and compiled 632-yards in a 9-0 championship season. He, like six other teammates, will be attending Eastern Michigan on a scholarship next fall. The 6-0, 180-pound senior also earned all-Blue Division recognition.



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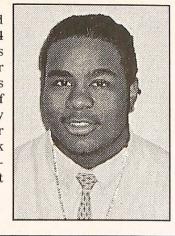
#### ADRIAN MATTHEWS

Extremely strong in body and spirit, Inkster's Adrian Matthews chalked up 98 tackles from his defensive end spot. He had an incredible 17 sacks and forced eight fumbles while recovering six of them. A three-year captain of the Vikings, Matthews seldom was off the field. The 6-2, 250-pound senior held down one of the guard slots on offense. "On defense, Adrian was one of our hardest hitters," said Coach Mark Townsend



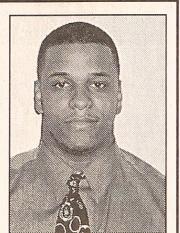
### ROBERT SCOTT

A linebacker who also played fullback, Robert Scott rushed for 984 yards and scored seven touchdowns for Inkster's Vikings. As a linebacker Scott also had a total of 80 tackles and forced three fumbles, one of which he recovered. "He's a very punishing runner, and a hard-hitter on defense," says coach Mark Townsend. The 5-10, 225-pound senior has several colleges looking at him.



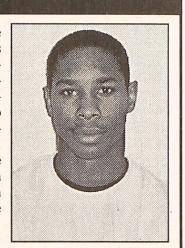
#### RAYMONTE JENKINS

A three-year starter for Inkster, Raymonte Jenkins was used wherever coach Mark Townsend needed to shore up his line. Jenkins, a 6-1, 235pound senior, played tight end, and when the Vikings needed a guard he was moved to that position. Jenkins also played defense as an end. Named to the Mega-Gold all-division team, 'Jenkins is a very unselfish player," said his Coach Mark Townsend.



#### JERRY GAINES

Defensive halfbacks don't come any better than Plymouth-Canton's Jerry Gaines. The 6-2, 175-pound senior accounted for three interceptions, 26 tackles, ran two punt returns back for touchdowns and also blocked two punts en route to an All-Western Lakes Conference berth. "He's excellent and can anticipate the flow of the play," says Canton coach Timn Baechler. "He's been a starter for us for the past three



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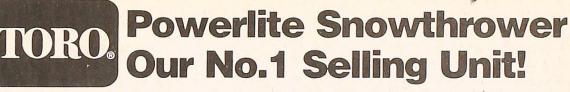
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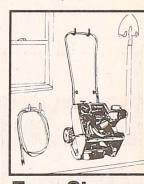






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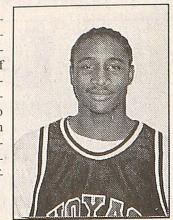
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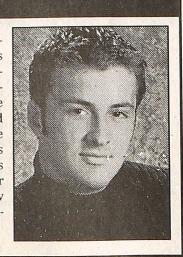
#### MARCUS JOHNSON

A versatile athlete who took command of his team, 6-5, 210-pound junior Marcus Johnson was Robichaud's field general on and off the field. As a second-year linebacker, Johnson netted 98 solo tackles, 10 of those for losses. He also moved in to play quarterback when the starting QB was injured. "Marcus wore many hats for us," says Robichaud coach Mark Medlock. "Definitely he was our MVP"



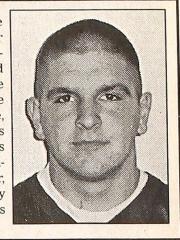
#### BARRY FLAVIN

With credentials like 27 solo tackles. 29 assists, causing two fumbles and recovering two others, 6-6, 230pound Plymouth-Salem senior defensive end Barry Flavin proved to be an invaluable asset to the Rocks and coach Tom Moshimer. "He has the talent, the size, and the credentials to play in the big leagues," says coach Tom Moshimer. A two year varsity competitor, Flavin has a few college scouts looking for his signature on a letter of intent.



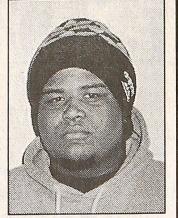
#### CHRIS COX

A two-way starter for Wayne Memorial, 5-11, 210-pound junior Chris Cox has great work and practice ethics, according to coach Floyd Carter. He held down the inside linebacker's job on defense and the guard post on offense. On defense, Chris was credited with 101 tackles on the season. "This year's team was basically made up of hard-nosed juniors who will be back next year, and most of around here feel it may be payback time in 2001," says



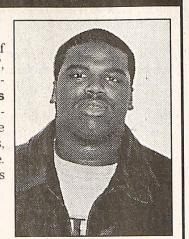
#### MYRON MOSBY

Called one of the big 'people movers' on the Romulus squad, 6-4, 370-pound tackle Myron Mosby helped the Eagles post an untarnished 9-0 seasonal record in coach Wade Cook's first year as head coach. A four-year starter, whom runningbacks used as a shield to get through the line, Mosby is one of the 'Elite 7' on the team awarded athletic scholarships to attend EMU in Ypsilanti. "He had an outstanding season," says Cook



#### TRAVIS WHITEHEAD

Knowledge about the game of football, a Romulus 'People Mover', who earned conference and statewide recognition, is Travis Whitehead. The 6-0, 305-pound senior is a three-year starter for the Eagles. He chalked up 42 tackles, three sacks and caused one fumble. "He's very explosive out there," says coach Wade Cook

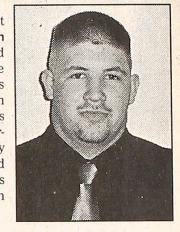


#### MIKE JOHNSON

Standing 6-2 and checking in at 250-pounds, Glenn's Mike Johnson counted 26 "hits" and 34 assists and finished with 112 points on the Rockets' stat chart. Johnson has great moves and technique which made him one of the toughest ends on defense or offense in the conference. 'They (the opponents) usually kept away from him. They respected him for his aggressiveness and his intelligence," said Glenn coach Chuck Gordon.

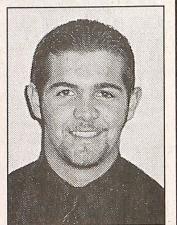
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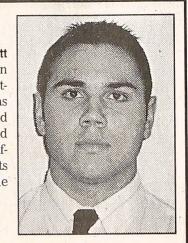
#### DANE MIJAL

A John Glenn defensive leader, Dave Mijal was quick to earn a reputation as one of the hardest hitters in the league. The 6-foot, 194-pound senior stood third on the team's Tackle Chart. He recorded 55 hits, 64 assists and eight solos. His season's efforts earned him a spot in the All-Western Lakes, Lakes Division lineup. A two-year-starter at Glenn, Mijal played a pivotal role down the stretch.



#### MATT BERENT

Nose guard and tight end Matt Berent brought the curtains down on his senior year by earning All-Western Lakes, Lakes Division honors as a down lineman. The 6-0, 220-pound senior led the rush on defense and his stats reflect his outstanding efforts. Berent had a total of 141 points in "hits" and "assists", among the best on the team.



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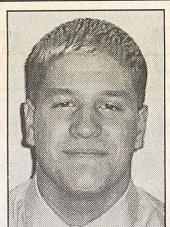
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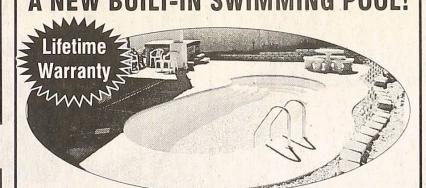
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WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2000-35 **NOVEMBER 30, 2000** 

Special meeting of the City Council held Thursday, November 30, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. All Members Present. Approved by 4-3 roll call vote, the purchase of the property at 35129 Ash Street in the amount of \$360,000.00, plus \$4,446.00 in expenses, pursuant to the document signed by Lois Alber on November 28, 2000. Adjourned at

> Mary E.Carney City Clerk

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#### CITY OF WAYNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City Council of Wayne, Michigan will hold a Public Hearing on December 19, 2000 at 8:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne Road, to consider a Proposed Ordiance Amendment Changing "Junk dealer" and "Junk yard" terminology to "Materials Recovery Dealer" and "Materials Recovery Facility", respectively.

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> Kimberly Turner City Clerk 2121 Inkster Road Inkster, Michigan 48141

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#### CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 00/01-29

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# People in the news



#### Lambert announces

Hundreds of well wishers turned out last Saturday to cheer Romulus School Board Trustee Alan Lambert on in his bid to seek election as mayor of Romulus. The political announcement party was held at the local Veterans of Foreign War Post 9568. Lambert currently serves as a Romulus police officer and is a former city councilman. The election will be held in November 2001.

Beverly Ann Ducey, daughter of Bob and Kyrstin Harvey Ducey of Brownstown, was born Nov. 20, 2000 at Annapolis Center of Oak-

wood Hospital in Wayne. She weighed seven pounds and two ounces at birth and has straw-

berry blonde hair and blue eyes.

Her grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Roger Harvey of Romulus and Mr. and Mrs. Don Monroe of Aurora, Colorado.

Taylor Renee Dyer, daughter of

Lori Shippy and Doug Dyer of Belleville, was born Nov., 24, 2000 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

She weighed six pounds and 11 ounces at birth and has black hair and blue eyes.

Her grandparents include Sylvia Shippy of Belleville and Curt Dyer and Myra Skyles, also of Belleville.

Alex Anthony Traficant, son of Mark and Tracy Traficant of Canton, was born Nov. 11, 2000 at Annapolis Center of Oakwood Hospital in Wayne.

He weighed six pounds and 10 ounces at birth and has brown hair and eyes.

He joins two siblings, Kate and

His grandparents include Russ and Carol Harris and Tony and Barbara Traficant, all of Bayville,

# People in the news

al engineer and surveyor from Westland, has joined the Albert Kahn Associates Inc. of Detroit.

Kostecke, formerly employed as a senior engineer with Mannik and Smith Inc. of Monroe, joins AKA's Urban Design and Planning

Earlier he earned a bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University and a master of science degree in transportation engineering from Wayne State

Nick McLaughlin, son of Gloria Carter of Canton, was elected doorman of the Alpha Mu Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega at Adrian College. He is a sophomore at the

Former Michigan House Democratic policy advisor Nancy C. Nyquist has joined the political consulting firm of Kheder and Associates Inc. of Lansing

Firm President Noble Kheder cited Nyquist's diverse experience in the legislative arena including regulatory affairs, agriculture, natural resources, tourism. the environment and appropria-

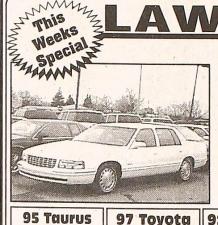
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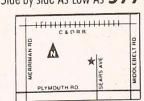
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# Obituaries

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BIDWELL, RICHARD ALAN CAPLER, ERICK ROBERT CURTIS JR., FLOYD HARREY GILLENTINE, PAUL KOWAL, STANLEY E. McGUIRE, MARY JUNE PROUTY, PAT QUINTAL, HELEN M.

SCRIBER, DOROTHY E.

BIDWELL, RICHARD ALAN, 61, passed away December 3. Loving husband of Barbara Bidwell. Dear father of Wayne (Joy) Bidwell, Mark (Robin) Whitehouse, Cindy Biggs, and Wayne (Pam) Whitehouse. Dear brother of Mary Lou Archer and Dorothy Woodhams. Dear grandfather of eight. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Bob McDonald. Interment followed at Knollwood Memorial Park, Canton.

CAPLER, ERICK ROBERT, 30, passed away November 24. Dear son of Janice and Robert Capler. Beloved brother of Leslie Sullivan. Mr. Capler worked as a tatoo artist. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Pastor Kurt Radke officiating.

CURTIS JR., FLOYD HARREY, 70, passed away November 26. Loving husband of Mary Curtis. Dear father of Tim (Kathy) Curtis, Karen (Randy) Byrd, and Christine (Scott) Haywood. Dear brother of Patricia Ann Hollis. Dear grandfather of nine. Mr. Curtis was employed as a Forester. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home November 30 with Rev. Robert

Joy officiating.

GILLENTINE, PAUL, 71 of Westland, passed away November 28. Loving companion of Eileen Christian. Dear father of Paulette (Jim) Graham and Robert (Kathryn Hughes) Gillentine. Dear brother of the late Ken Gillentine, the late Donald Gillentine, the late Houston Gillentine, Edith Vaughn, and Collen Weaks. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Rundy Weaks. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

KOWAL, STANLEY E., 87 of Belleville passed away November 25. Beloved husband of Anna R. (Kamenaack) Kowal. Dear father of Robert E. Kowal of Romulus, Richard J. Kowal of Belleville, Donna T. Kowal of Belleville, Diane M. (Steven) Wheelock of Allen Park, Stanley D. Kowal of Romulus, and Denise A. (Kevin) Rodgers of Morehead, KY. Dear son of the late Theodore and Agnes (Zarzecna) Kowal. Dear brother of Walter Kowal of Dearborn, Joanne Kowal of Dearborn, Wanda (Fred) Nalett of Grand Rapids, and Zigmund Kowal of Dearborn. He is also survived by grandchildren Lindsay and Brittany Kowal, Melissa Wheelock, and Ashley and Kevin Rodgers. He was employed at the Burroughs Corporation for 31 years, retiring in 1977. He was a member of the St. Anthony Catholic Church, Belleville. Mr. Kowal had a love of farming and gardening. He also served his country in the Army Air Corps. during WWII. Funeral mass

was held November 29 at St. Anthony Catholic Church with Father Thomas H. Cusick as celebrant. Interment followed at St. Hedwig Cemetery, Dearborn Hts. Memorial contributions to American Cancer Society or Salvation Army would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements were handled by David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

McGUIRE, MARY JUNE, 81 of Wayne, passed away December 3. Dear wife of the late Fred McGuire. Beloved mother of Melvin (Joann) Orr, Ronald (Wileen) Orr, and Joseph (Patricia) Orr. Dear sister of the late Clagton Hill, the late Ester Gibbs, the late Harold Hill. Dear grandmother of nine and great grandmother of fifteen. Funeral services were held at Uht Funeral Home with Rev. Bob McDonald officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

PROUTY, DAYTON L. (PAT), 67 passed away Tuesday, November 28, in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was born on March 17, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Prouty was a veterinarian who gained the affection and respect of his colleagues as well as those who knew him in his practice or private life. Prouty was honored in 1997 by receiving the Distinguished Veterinary Alumnus Award from Michigan State University, where he earned his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1957. At the awards ceremony, he was described in this way: "Dayton (Pat) Prouty is a near perfect embodiment of the "gentle doctor".

His warmth, personal humility, positive attitude, quick wit and sense of humor shine through in everything he does. Combined with his veterinary expertise, exemplary ethical and moral standards and a willingness to share with colleagues through organized veterinary medicine, he has earned respect as a genuine leader and "role model." Prouty was born in Detroit, Michigan, in 1933, grew up there and received both his undergraduate degrees and his doctorate from Michigan State University in East Lansing. His first practice was in Belleville and his second in Marquette, Michigan. He sailed on Lake Superior, participating in a sport that he would enjoy all his life and which he excelled. Among the many trails that made him exceptional was that of caring for others and sharing with them the things that were important to him. He always looked at others in his profession as colleagues not as competitors. With his staff, he never referred to "my practice" but to "our practice". He continued his education all his life and kept up with technology. He introduced veterinary radiology to South Texas, making it available to others to help them diagnose more accurately. His ability to relate to others was evident in the number of offices he held, among them president of the Coastal Bend Veterinary Medical Association in 1978 and later as district director of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association. He was elected President of the Texas Veterinary Medical Association in 1992. He was president of the American Heartworm Society

and he pursued the significance of heartworm disease at an early date. He was a member of the Texas Academy of Veterinary Practice. In all his leadership roles, his stress was on high standards of ethics and quality, guarding tradition while at the same time recognizing the necessity for the profession to evolve. He served as president of Corpus Christi's Southside Rotary Club. Prouty spent six weeks in India as a part of a Rotary Foundation Group Study While in India he addressed a university faculty and a veterinary association group. Since then, he has had a part in providing scholarships for Indian students, establishing a literacy schools and drilling freshwater wells in villages. Prouty moved his veterinary practice to Corpus Christi, Texas in 1976, which he sold in 1994. He and his wife, Bonnie Lou, moved to a country home outside Rockport where they could pursue their interests in the environment and all the things of nature. A studio was built there for Bonnie who is a nationally recognized artist. Since coming to Rockport, Prouty has continued to make himself available for practice and consultation when needed through association with The Rockport Veterinary Clinic. Prouty is survived by his wife, three sons (David Andrew in Houston, Daniel Bruce in Corpus Christi, and Stephen Edward in Acton, Massachusetts), five grandchildren (Nathan, Andrew, Megan, Andre, and Danielle), and a brother (Donald L. Prouty in California). Memorial services were held December 6 at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock,

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Michigan. Expressions of sympathy may be made by donations to American Veterinary Medical Association Foundation, 1931 Meacham Rd., Suite 100, Schumburg, IL, 60173.

QUINTAL, HELEN M, 84 of Westland, passed away November 26. Dear wife of the late Joseph Quintal. Beloved mother of Arthur (Mary) Quintal. Dear sister of Ray Weddle, Winfred Weddle, Bannie Tibbals, and Gerry Norfleet. Dear grandmother of three and great grandmother of seven. Funeral services were held at Uht Memorial Funeral Home with Rev. Robert McDonald officiating. Interment followed at Cadillac Memorial Gardens West, Westland.

SCRIBER, DOROTHY E., 93 of Romulus passed away November 26. Beloved wife of the late Clayton J. Scriber. Dear mother of William G. (Mary) Litogot of Romulus, Dear daughter of the late William C. & Lottie (Hodder) Feazel. Preceded in death by her husband, parents, brother (William J. Feazel) also great-greatgrandson (Nicholas James Beasley). She is survived by four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, and 8 great great grand children (one on the way). Mrs. Scriber had a strong work ethic and worked as a telephone operator. She also loved to shop. Funeral services were held at David C. Brown Funeral Home on November 29. Interment followed at Golden Ridge Cemetery, Taylor. Memorial contributions can be made to the wishes of the Scriber family.

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Governor John Engler, vice chair of the National Governors' Association (NGA), today chaired an NGA policy forum on workforce development in Dearborn. The forum is being co-hosted by the NGA's Center for Best Practices, which Engler heads up as chair of the board, and the Aspen Institute Domestic Strategy Group.

With its theme "Achieving Excellence in Workforce Development to be Competitive in the New Economy," the meeting was attended by state policy officials from around the country as well as representatives of some of the nation's largest corporations.

'A key challenge we are facing now is workforce development as we transition to what is called the New Economy," said Governor Engler. "Michigan's experience over the past decade is typical. As the buckle of the Rust Belt, Michigan had the highest unemployment rate among the industrial states. Now, with a booming economy, Michigan faces a new kind of problem - finding skilled workers.

'In our labor shortage economy, too many workers don't have the requisite skills for the jobs they now hold. And far too many don't have the basic skills to be able to learn the technical skills their employers need.

'If there's one thing we've learned: in the New Economy, workforce development is economic development.

During the day-long meeting, Governor Engler highlighted a number of areas where Michigan has made progress in workforce development, including the fol-

The connection among K-12 education, adult education and work-based learning and post-secondary education. The Department of Career Development has contracted with the Michigan Virtual University (MVU) to create the Career Guidance System, where job seekers, employers and students exploring careers can all connect through the same web site. Students may also take online courses offered through

The creation, by executive order, of the Michigan Department of Career Development, which focuses exclusively on career training and development.

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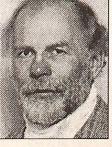
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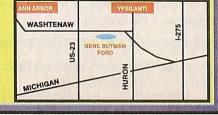
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